

Lake Chapter, A.B.A.T.E. of MN

Date: December 5, 2009

Location: Dec Holiday's, Delano

Time: 4:00 pm

Officers Attending:

President	Dawn Riba	X		
Vice President	Bill Jensen	X		
Chapter Rep	Dawn Riba	X		
Treasurer	Jim Kosse	X		
Secretary	Sheryl Immel	X		
Sergeants at Arms	Mike Edgett	X	John Dewey	X
	Michael Shinn		Lee Plante	

Total number of members attending: 44

Total number of guests: 5

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance 4:10 John

Welcome of new members or guests

President's remarks (Dawn) Welcome everyone. Thanks for coming. Sorry about the confusion from the location change.

Vice President's remarks (Bill) It's great to see some new faces I haven't seen before. Hope everybody had a great Thanksgiving and that you have a great Christmas.

OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary's report (Sheryl) *Motion to accept minutes as written – Mitch, 2nd by Dave Anderson. Hands – Motion passed.*

Treasurer's report (Jim)

Treasurer's Report - November 2009

Presented at Doc Holiday's (Delano) Dec. Meeting 12/5/09

Started November with **\$1,911.12**

Income:

Memberships-October	74.00
Memberships-November	72.00
Total:	146.00

Expenses:

1st class postage for Road Noise	2.00
ABATE MN, renewal of Jeff Hennie's Lake Chapter membership	20.00

Total: **22.00**

November Ending Balance **\$2,035.12**

Earmarks

Grounded Hogs	\$800.00
Petty Cash:	\$45.05
MRF Donation Fund:	\$6.55
Chapter Gambling Fund:	\$355.80
Food Shelf Fund:	\$5.00
Toys for Tots Fund:	\$363.00
Buddy Bear Fund	\$34.55
Grand Total:	\$2,845.07

spendable \$1,235.12

Motion to accept Treasurer's report - Keith, 2nd by Mitch. Hands – Motion passed.

Chapter Rep Report (Todd) From the board meeting in October - we sold 367 advanced tickets, last year we sold 307, for a 20% increase, but tickets cost less this year. We had 55 sponsors for a total of \$23,250.00 down 4% from last year. We handed out 358 promo tickets 322 of them were used. The chapter that sold the most sponsorship was South Central. Front gate money was \$3,250.00 for the camping, \$23,000.00 in ticket money. There was a total of 1466 people at the rally. Mitch said there was just a hair over \$20,000.00 profit. Income was down a little bit, but the expenses were lower too.

The publications committee needs new members, see ad in the Road Noise. The Ways and Means committee that meets at the Ugly Bar in Montrose needs members. They meet 4 times a year. Talk to Mitch about that. Dial-A-Ride needs members and board members, see the Road Noise for info.

A.B.A.T.E. U raffle tickets are available from Todd.

State Treasurer's report was passed around, Todd needs this back.

Motorcycle PAC - \$2,200.00 current balance. We need to build this fund for the future and all the upcoming legislation. The PAC cannot work at the state and federal level effectively with the limited amount of funds. There has never been a more urgent time to contribute to impact the state legislature.

You can earn a write to ride patch by writing to an elected official and getting a response and sending it to Frank Ernst. To date there have only been 39 rockers given out.

There was some precinct caucus training at the board meeting. The precinct caucuses are the first Tuesday in January. At the caucuses precinct officers are elected and those officers can help influence the party platform. There will be another training at the January BOD.

River Valley chapter annual fundraiser is Jan 23rd at the Mankato Eagles Club; Todd has 1 comp ticket available. Metro Winter Bash is January 23 at Povlitsky's, Todd also has 1 ticket available for that. January board of director's meeting is Jan.16 at the Best Western in Morris. Lake Chapter is no longer the largest chapter. Todd passed the expired members list. Call them up and harass them.

Reminder of a 5 minute maximum for reports, hold your questions and comments until after the reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership and Retention (Sherry given by Mike) Sherry is still calling off the expired member list with some success. If anyone can help with that contact her.

Special Events (Kathie) The Grounded Hogs party is Feb. 6th, 2010 at Medina Ball Room. Advance tickets will be \$10.00, \$15.00 at the door. Tickets are available to sign out from Jim Kosse. *Motion to set aside \$200.00 for a January Road Noise ad for the Grounded Hogs party - Mitch, 2nd by Stroke. Motion passed.* Dawn has 6 advertising magnets for the GH party. Contact her to put one on your car.

Products (Rhiannon given by Dawn) The memorial patches for Frenchy are available for \$5.00. Charm is working on a design for t-shirts for the Grounded Hogs party. *Motion to order t-shirts for the Grounded Hogs party - Mitch, 2nd by Noma. Motion passed.* The 2010 calendar is now available for \$10.00.

Training and Education (Mary) Nothing new to report.

A.B.A.T.E University (Noma) A.B.A.T.E. U will be April 16-18. There will be more vendors. A conceal and carry class will be offered. The Freedom First Riders is working on a band.

State Rally Report (Bill) given in the Chapter Rep report.

Dial-A-Ride (Dawn) Give any additional reports to Dawn. We need to do a better job of explaining what Dial-A-Ride is to the bars we drop information off at. In 2010 there will be an advertising campaign with 30 second commercials about Dial-A-Ride. The cable industry, Comcast Charter and Mediacom will donate the funds. 2010 will be their 20 year anniversary. The next meeting is December 13th at Frank and Vicki's house.

Committee Reports (State Level)

Legislative Director (Todd) Biker Day at the Capital is February 24th. We need 700 people to attend to make an impact. Please sign up ahead of time to make things go smoothly. We have had several good meetings with politicians at the state and federal level. State Rep Terry Morrow is going to carry the failure to yield bill, now known as the enhanced penalties bill. At one time the Lake Chapter was the leader in the legislative field. We need to increase our membership to continue our fight for motorcyclist's rights.

Public Relations (Mitch) Pictures were put in the paper for the Bowling for Kids Sake. The Toys for Tots drop off will be December 11th on the 6:00 news. Meet at Perkins at 5:30.

MN MC Safety Advisory Committee (Mitch) The good news for this year was that deaths of motorcyclists were down. They are still higher than other accident fatalities, mostly due to inexperience. There was an article in the Tribune on accidents with deer that was focusing on motorcyclists. Clearly the press is not our friend in this area. We need to push for more training and not more regulations. They are going to continue with the high visibility campaign, there will be big billboards this spring to try to get the motorcyclists to be more visible. There will be a conference on Feb 27th in St. Paul; Mitch has info on what the sessions will be. This is Mitch's last year on the committee. We need more A.B.A.T.E. members on the committee, see Mitch for an application. The next meeting is January 21st.

MRF Report (Todd) On the back of you Nov/Dec newsletter there is a ballot to vote for the 2 people that are running for board positions. This is for the member's representative board member. The general membership elects these people and they represent you at the BOD meetings. Jeff Henne, our lobbyist, is watching the health care legislation closely. The Senate committee held a distracted drivers hearing, the MRF was there. They were pleased that the discussion was about accident prevention and not about how to make it safer to crash.

Motion to accept the committee reports – Keith-Smoker, 2nd by Keith Knee. Hands – Motion passed.

State Coordinator - Mack Backlund - There is now a safe and secure way to buy your membership on-line. Just go to the website. Tom Workman has resigned his position as A.B.A.T.E. lobbyist. He was instrumental in helping with a lot of motorcycle legislation.

Drawing of name (Mike E.) Mack is the winner of the \$5 off chapter products coupon.

OLD BUSINESS - Pick up some posters for the Grounded Hogs party and put them at your local watering hole. Tickets are available from Jim Kosse.

We are no longer the largest chapter by 17 members, sign up some new members.

NEW BUSINESS - The winner of the Steve J Kreitlow award is Mack Backlund.

Share the road classes are held in Rogers, Noma is looking for volunteers to help with this.

New meeting places are listed below.

Nominations for Member of the Year: Mary Berger, Fred Pawleck, Mike Berger, Bill Jensen, Todd Riba, Jim Kosse and Noma Skinner.

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 11 - KARE 11 Toys for Tots drop off 6pm, meet at Perkins at 5:30

December 16 - Special Events meeting at Medina, 5:30

January 9 - Chapter meeting at the Delano Legion - 4pm

January 16 - January BOD at the Best Western in Morris

January 23 - Metro Chapter Winter Bash at Povlitsky's

January 23 - River Valley fundraiser at Mankato Eagle's Club

February 6 - Grounded Hogs Party, Medina 7pm

February 13 - Chapter meeting at Chops in Hanover - 4pm

February 24 - Biker Day at the Capital

March 6 - Chapter meeting at the Delano legion - 4pm

April 10 - Chapter meeting at Doc Holiday's in Delano - 4pm

April 16-18 - A.B.A.T.E. U in Alexandria

Motion to adjourn – Mitch 5:06

Minutes recorded and submitted by Sheryl Immel, Lake Chapter Secretary

Motions made at the 12-5-09 meeting

1. *Motion to accept minutes as written – Mitch, 2nd by Dave Anderson. Hands – Motion passed.*

2. *Motion to accept Treasurer's report - Keith, 2nd by Mitch. Hands – Motion passed.*

3. *Motion to set aside \$200.00 for a January Road Noise ad for the Grounded Hogs party - Mitch, 2nd by Stroke. Motion passed.*

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